

16.0.0 STEPPARENT/GRANDPARENT DEEMING

16.1.0 Introduction

Federal regulations do not allow deeming from a stepparent's or grandparent's income to a stepchild or grandchild.

16.2.0 Stepparent

Don't count the income of a stepparent when you are determining MA eligibility of a stepchild(ren) only. —

Count the net income of the legal parent with whom the child(ren) is living when you are determining the child(ren)'s financial eligibility. —

16.2.1 Procedure

Step 1: Determine the fiscal group (AFDC-Related Fiscal Group Unit) and apply the AFDC-Related income tests (30.4.0). —

If they pass the **categorically** needy income test, certify all of the nonfinancially eligible members in the fiscal group. If they fail the categorically needy tests, go to Step 2. —

Step 2: If there are children-in-common, establish a fiscal group composed of them and their two parents. Deduct from the stepchild(ren)'s legal parent's net income an amount which when added to the stepchild(ren)'s net income equals the AFDC-Related categorically needy income limit appropriate for a group composed of the number of stepchildren in the household. Count all remaining net income of this fiscal group and test for regular MA eligibility.

If they fail a regular MA categorically needy test, go to Appendix 26.0.0 and test them for Healthy Start eligibility.

Step 3: Determine the stepchild(ren)'s fiscal group (AFDC-Related Fiscal Group Unit). Deduct from the stepchild(ren)'s legal parent's net income and amount which when added to the net income of the spouse and child(ren)-in-common equals the AFDC-Related categorically needy income limit appropriate for a group composed of the spouse and the child(ren)-in-common. Count all the remaining net income of this fiscal group and test for regular MA eligibility.

If they fail a regular MA categorically needy test, go to Appendix 26.0.0 and test them for Healthy Start eligibility.

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16.3.0 Grandparent

Don't count the income and assets of the grandparent(s) when you are determining the eligibility of a grandchild(ren) only.

16.3.1 Procedure

When MA is requested **only** for the grandchild(ren) in a household where an unmarried minor and her child(ren) live with the unmarried minor's parent(s), count only net income of the minor parent and her child(ren).

If they fail a regular MA categorically needy test, go to Appendix 26.0.0 and test them for Healthy Start eligibility.